

**Georgia State Board of Podiatry Examiners
Minutes of Board Meeting
April 20, 2012**

The Georgia State Board of Podiatry Examiners met via Conference Call on Friday, April 20, 2012, at 1:00 p.m., at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia, for the purpose of conducting Board business.

Board Members Present:

Dr. William B. Turner, Chair

Dr. Leonard LaRussa, Vice-Chair

Dr. Rudy Cisco

Mrs. Judith G. Sanders, Consumer Member

Administrative Staff Present:

- Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
- Amanda Allen, Board Support Specialist
- Graham Barron, Assistant Attorney General

Dr. Turner, Chair established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Agenda:

Approved with late agenda items added

Minutes:

Dr. Cisco motioned, Ms. Sanders, seconded, and the Board voted to approve the minutes from the following meeting dates as amended. None opposed, motion carried.

- January 27, 2012

Correspondences:

- Bridget Ostrowski, Atlanta Trauma

Dr. Cisco motioned, Dr. LaRussa seconded, and the Board voted to allow the administrative staff to respond to all correspondences presented to the Board as directed. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Director's Report:

1. Mr. Zimmerman reviewed the memo provided by Attorney general Sam Olens regarding amendments to the Open Records and Open Meetings Act with the Board.
2. Mr. Zimmerman notified the Board that the Application for Licensure by Examination was now available for completion online. Application for licensure by Endorsement must still be printed and mailed to the Board office for processing.
3. Mr. Zimmerman requested the Board to review all their current rules for possible amendments.
 - a. Dr. LaRussa volunteered to help assist in reviewing rules for any possible amendments.

Dr. LaRussa motioned, Dr. Cisco seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Executive Director's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Public Rule Hearing:

Rule 500-5-.01 General Requirements

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY EXAMINERS RULE FOR CHAPTER 500-5, CONTINUING PODIATRIC MEDICAL EDUCATION, RULE 500-5-.01, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

Purpose: The purpose of this rule amendment is to specify the number of online continuing education hours allowable and clarifies approved providers.

Main Features: The rule limits to ten (10) the number of online hours that can be obtained toward the license renewal each cycle, and that the hours of online courses be approved by CPME, and, at least thirty (30) of the total hours required be approved by CPME and/or GPMA.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY EXAMINERS RULE FOR CHAPTER 500-5, CONTINUING PODIATRIC MEDICAL EDUCATION, RULE 500-5-.01, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

[Note: underlined text is proposed to be added; lined-through text is proposed to be deleted.]

500-5-.01 ~~General Requirements.~~ Continuing Education Hours. Amended.

~~The General requirements for Podiatry Continuing Education shall be:~~

- ~~(a)~~ (1) The purpose of continuing education for podiatrists is to maintain and enhance the professional competence of podiatrists licensed to practice in Georgia for the protection of the health and welfare of the people of the State of Georgia.
- ~~(b)~~ (2) As a requirement for the biennial renewal of his/her license, a podiatrist must certify to the Georgia State Board of Podiatry Examiners the completion of not less than fifty (50) hours of approved continuing education in the preceding two years prior to the license expiration date. In the event a podiatrist fails to certify completion of continuing education ~~credits~~ hours at the time of renewal of his/her license, the Georgia State Board of Podiatry Examiners will not process his/her request to renew his/her license until continuing education requirements are met.
- (a) No more than ten (10) hours shall be obtained from online courses and said online courses must be approved by CPME (Council of Podiatric Medical Education).
- (b) No more than ten (10) hours shall be obtained from the AOA (American Osteopathic Association) and/or the AMA (American Medical Association) approved continuing medical education providers.
- (c) At least thirty (30) continuing medical education hours must be approved by the CPME (Council of Podiatric Medical Education) and/or GPMA (Georgia Podiatric Medical Association).

~~(e)~~ (3) A podiatrist licensed during the first six months (September of every odd numbered year to February of every even numbered year) of the biennium renewal cycle shall be required to obtain the full fifty (50) hours of continuing education; if licensed during the following twelve (12) months (March of every even numbered year to February of every odd numbered year) of the biennium renewal cycle, he/she shall be required to obtain thirty (30) hours of continuing education; if licensed during the last six (6) months (March of every odd numbered year to August of every odd numbered year) of the biennium renewal cycle, he/she shall be exempt from continuing education requirements for that biennium renewal period only.

(4) This rule will become effective with the 2013 -2015 renewal cycle.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-35-9 and 43-35-15

Dr. LaRussa motioned, Dr. Cisco seconded, and the Board voted to adopt the amendments to Rule 500-5-.01 General Requirements as posted for the 30-day minimum requirement. None opposed, motion carried.

In addition, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§43-35-9 and 43-35-15 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4-(3) (A) (B) (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of podiatry.

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Rule 500-5-.02 Reporting and Auditing

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF
PODIATRY EXAMINERS RULE FOR CHAPTER 500-5, CONTINUING PODIATRIC
MEDICAL EDUCATION, RULE 500-5-.02, REPORTING AND AUDITING.**

Purpose: The purpose of this rule amendment is to clarify the rule language and the Board audit procedures.

Main Features: The rule provides for the removal of outdated, unnecessary language, the addition of clarifying language and the five percent (5%) audit of active license holders.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY EXAMINERS
RULE FOR CHAPTER 500-5, CONTINUING PODIATRIC MEDICAL EDUCATION,
RULE 500-5-.02, REPORTING AND AUDITING.**

[Note: underlined text is proposed to be added; lined-through text is proposed to be deleted.]

500-5-.02 Continuing Education Reporting and Auditing. Amended.

~~The method of Reporting and Auditing continuing education shall be:~~

~~(a)~~ (1) At the time of license renewal, each podiatrist shall certify to the Board that he/she has completed the continuing education required for license renewal.

~~(b)~~ (2) Each licensed podiatrist shall maintain records of attendance and supporting documents for continuing education for a period of five (5) years from the date of attendance.

~~(c)~~ (3) The ~~staff of the~~ Georgia State Board of Podiatry eExaminers shall ~~make~~ conduct a random audit of the continuing education hours certified ~~each at renewal period~~ for compliance with all rules and regulations. A ~~M~~minimum of five (5%) per cent of ~~the~~ active licensed podiatrists shall be included in this audit.

(a) Licensees selected for a continuing education audit must submit their records of attendance and supporting documents for continuing education hours obtained and certified to for Board review before a randomly selected licensee's renewal is completed.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-35-9 and 43-35-15

Dr. LaRussa motioned, Dr. Cisco seconded, and the Board voted to adopt the amendments to Rule 500-5-.02 Reporting and Auditing as posted for the 30-day minimum requirement. None opposed, motion carried.

In addition, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§43-35-9 and 43-35-15 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4-(3) (A) (B) (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of podiatry.

Open Records Request:

- Joyce Thrasher Kaiser & Liss- Regarding Dr. Michael Bednarz, POD001030

Dr. Cisco motioned, Ms. Sander seconded, and the Board voted to deny the open records request. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session:

Dr. LaRussa motioned, Dr. Cisco seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (1) (2), O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2-(k) (4), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19 (h) (2) & (4) to receive and review information pertaining to Applications, receive the Attorney General's, Cognizant, and Enforcement Reports. Voting in favor of the motion were those Board members present: Turner, Cisco, LaRussa and Sanders.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, April 20, 2012, Dr. Turner declared the meeting to be "open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq.

Applications:

Dr. LaRussa motioned, Dr. Cisco seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants applying for licensure by Application:

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| 1. Adeleke, Olukola | Approved for licensure |
| 2. Brondon, Michael | Approved for licensure |
| 3. Catrett, Franklin | Approved for licensure |

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| 4. Giovinco, Nicholas | Approved for licensure |
| 5. Gonzalez, Evguenia | Approved for licensure |
| 6. T.G. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 7. Isiorho, Ejoro | Approved for licensure |
| 8. Murad, Craig | Approved for licensure |
| 9. Rose, Sakiyna | Approved for licensure |

Dr. LaRussa motioned, Dr. Cisco seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants applying for licensure by Reinstatement:

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| 1. Bowers, Emily | Approved for licensure |
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Approved Licensees:

Dr. LaRussa motioned, Dr. Cisco seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the following applications approved between meetings determined to have met licensure requirements as follows:

License Number	Name	Issue Date
POD001183	Jones, Travis Ryan	1/30/2012
POD001184	Matthews, Aliya Fagan	1/30/2012
POD001185	Samek, Bridget E	1/30/2012
POD001186	Schwartz, Jaclyn Marie	1/30/2012
POD001187	Naglich, Sarah Pearl	1/30/2012
POD001188	Monis, Trina P	1/30/2012
POD001189	Vu, Vietanh Tran	1/30/2012
POD001190	Green, Jason Warren	2/8/2012
POD001191	VanYperen, Jeffery John, Jr	3/14/2012

Cognizant Report:

Dr. Cisco provided the Board with an updated status on all open complaint cases.

Compliant cases pending the receipt of additional information:

- POD110010, POD120010, POD120013, POD120014, POD120017, POD120018 and POD120019

Compliant cases closed:

- POD110018, POD120011 and POD120015

Complaint cases tabled for further review:

- POD120012 and POD120016

Dr. Cisco motioned, Ms. Sanders seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Cognizant report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Attorney General's Report:

Assistant Attorney General, Graham Barron provided the Board with a status report which included information on any cases referred for action.

Dr. Cisco motioned, Dr. LaRussa seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Attorney General's Report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

There being no further business, Ms. Sanders motioned, Dr. Cisco seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:47 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Amanda M. Allen, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

Dr. William B. Turner, Chair

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

These minutes were signed and approved on: 07-20-12